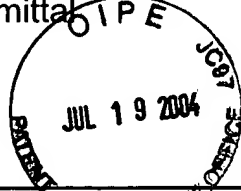


Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Art Unit	3713
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Serial No.: 09/967,283 Examiner: Yveste Gilberte Cherubin
Filed: September 28, 2001 Group Art Unit: 3713
Title: RECONFIGURABLE GAMING MACHINE

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REQUEST FOR RCE, AMENDMENT, AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the final Office Action dated February 25, 2004, and is timely filed with a two month extension.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-20, 30-46, 48-50, and 57-59 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-2, 4-11, 13-15, 17, 19-20, 38-40, 42, 44-46, 49-50, and 57-58 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Giobbi (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0107072). Claims 3, 12, 16, 30-37, 41, 43, 48, and 59 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Giobbi (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0107072) in view Takemoto (JP 02001017660A).

Claims 1, 5-8, 30, 38, 46, 48-50, and 57-59 have been amended to clarify the claimed invention. No new claims have been added. No claims have been deleted. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims. Applicant respectfully contends that the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the prior art.